

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 4 through page 1, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

Field of the Invention

The present invention refers to an equipment for cold-drawing a metal wire.

Background of the Invention

Drawing, that is the reduction of the section of a wire or other metal article through threading dies, is obtained by pulling the material through the threading die by means of drawbench machines.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 2, line 14 through page 2, line 30 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

Summary of the Invention

In view of the state of the technique described, the object of the present invention is to produce an equipment for cold-drawing a metal wire that presents greater advantages in terms of mounting and thus overall cost of the equipment.

In accordance with the present invention, said object is achieved by an equipment for cold-drawing a metal wire, said equipment comprising a succession of a sleeve with a cylindrical hole and a threading die with a conical hole in the advance path of the wire, said sleeve being inserted into a support and terminating with an extension inserted into said conical hole of said threading die, characterised in that said support has a first annular projection and said threading die has a second annular projection coupled to said first projection so as to keep said sleeve and said threading die in position.

Brief Description of the Drawings

The characteristics and the advantages of the present invention will appear evident from the following detailed description of an embodiment thereof, illustrated as non-limiting example in the enclosed drawings, in which:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 4 through page 3, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

With reference to Figure 1, the equipment comprises an external body 1 fitted internally with a tank 2 containing calcium or sodium-based stearates or other

lubrication material. Said tank 2 presents at one side end an input hole 3 for the passage of a metal wire 4 (steel, copper, aluminium, etc.) that has to be drawn. The diameter of the hole 3 is greater than the section of the metal wire 4. The tank 2 is also fitted at the other side end with a sleeve 5 contained in a casing 6, generally made of steel, and comprising a circular-sectioned body 7, generally made of tungsten carbide commonly called hard metal or widia, fitted with a hole which in its central part 8 has a cylindrical conformation with a diameter just greater than that of the wire 4 in input.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18 through page 4, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Mounting the equipment results simple to carry out and enables reduction of the overall cost of said operation. In fact, times for mounting the threading die 11 on the casing 6 containing the sleeve 5 are reduced as the presence of the plug 15 is now required only for positioning the sleeve-threading die block on the body 1 given that both the sleeve 5 and the threading die 11 are already positioned in relation to each other by coupling the projections 20 and 22.